

# **PERPETUAL OPEN SPACE EASEMENT (POSE) AND OPEN SPACE COMMITMENTS LIST**



## WHAT IS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT?

A conservation easement is a voluntary legal agreement that a property owner enters into to protect open land (and associated values such as historic structures) by prohibiting or restricting the type and amount of development that may take place on the property. Conservation easements are also known as historic preservation easements, agricultural easements, and scenic easements, depending on the resource they are intended to protect.

Conservation easements are structured in two ways. **Perpetual** easements protect the land in perpetuity and are transferred with the land upon sale. **Term** easements are agreements for a specific time period. Depending on the local ordinances, term easements may or may not offer the tax and land protection benefits of perpetual easements.

Please note a property that is subject to a recorded perpetual conservation, historic or open-space easement must be held by a public body.

The following is a partial list of organizations, which are actively involved in land conservation in Virginia. These organizations can assist property owners in the establishment of a perpetual conservation easement on their property.

**Virginia Outdoors Foundation (State organized)**

203 Governor Street - Suite 316 - Richmond, Virginia 23219  
(804) 225-2147

**The Nature Conservancy (VA Chapter)**

4245 N. Fairfax Drive - Suite 100 - Arlington, VA 22203  
(800) 628-6860

**American Farmland Trust**

1200 18<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Suite 800 - Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 331-7300

**The Conservation Fund**

1800 N. Kent Street - Suite 1120 - Arlington, VA 22209  
(703) 525-6300

**Piedmont Environmental Council**

45 Horner Street - Box 460 - Warrenton, VA 22186  
(540) 347-2334

**The National Park & Conservation Association**

1776 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. - Washington, D.C. 20036  
(800) NAT-PARKS or (202) 223-6722

**Land Trust Alliance**

1319 F Street, N.W., - Suite 501 - Washington, D.C. 20004  
(202) 638-4725